

THE PATRIOT WEEKLY UPDATE FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2nd



Welcome Back PATRIOT NATION!

Welcome back to our faculty, staff, and students to the second half of this year! We look forward to the work ahead as we serve our students and school community!

Students return on Tuesday, January 4th

GET YOUR PATRIOTS PAPER!

Westside has a student run newspaper! The first issue of the Patriots Paper was issued in December. Students that are part of our Journalism Class oversee the paper! Dr. Clark, ELA Teacher and Journalism Teacher helped her students put this together. You can read the first issue here: <https://www.rcboe.org/Domain/18468>

Thursday, December 16, 2021

Patriot Papers

Westside High School's Student Newspaper

Vol. 1 Issue 1

A Word from Principal Smith William

As we head into the Christmas Holidays, I wanted to take a minute to reflect on this past semester. We are still walking through a pandemic that has changed so many ways of how we operate and function, not only with logistics within the building but also teaching and learning. Sports, instruction, testing, and so many other vital areas of our school culture have been impacted. We also must keep in mind that Covid-19 not only affects our school but also our personal lives with people we know, whether it is family or friends. Some have been impacted through severe illness or even loved ones passing away. Westside is more than just instruction, school work, and tests. We are a family and we are resilient as we continue to push forward. Even during this pandemic, it has truly been a fantastic semester. Our faculty, staff, and students have risen to the occasion on many levels. Here are just a few examples of the work this past semester that has continued the excellence at Westside High School:

- Westside High School was named a Top-5 Finalist for the 2021 Augusta Chronicle Cyber-City's Best Public School.
- Our Football program made it to the Sweet-16 in the GHSA Class AA playoffs!
- We are in the second year of implementing the AP Capstone Diploma. Westside is the only comprehensive high school in the school system that offers this diploma.

Patriot Papers Staff: Left to right: (last row) Ima Umoh (second row) Sanai Park, Shantalyce Griffin, Niki Lackman, Sara "Ash" Waszak, Kierrin Gilpin, Cate Lackman, Marta Gill, Rose Williams (first row) Sigfrid Ollero and Taylor Murray

Introduction of Patriot Papers

The Patriot Papers is a student lead publication used to actively engage with Westside's student body. The paper will address news happening nationally, locally, and at our dear Westside High. Students can also interact with the paper by submitting it to the Westside Works section. We accept artwork, photography, and short stories. In our next issue, we will have our 'What's Poppin'' Patriot column. This column is a space for students to ask questions and get guidance in various areas of life and education.

Important Reminders

- **STUDENTS WHO DRIVE TO CAMPUS**| In December, we conducted a walkthrough in the student parking lot, and we have several student vehicles without parking permits. These will be enforced in January and students without permits will be cited. Please see the front office to get your application and your permit that must be displayed in student's front windshield. Also, all students must park in the student parking lot. Any student parking anywhere on campus besides the student parking lot will be cited.
- **Congratulations to Sawyer Calhoun for being named the STAR Student for the 2021-2022 school year! Also a big congrats to Mr. Mattice for being named the STAR Teacher!**
- **PARENTS! PARENTS! PARENTS! After school tutoring is HIGHLY encouraged!** Please see page 7, page 8, and page 9 for that information including the schedule. Please encourage your son or daughter to attend sessions weekly.
- **Students are now expected to bring their laptops to class every day. Teachers will be using these devices to complete assignments and assessments. Students may not be able to complete all work without their laptop. Please make sure these devices are brought every day.**
- All parents are also encouraged to purchase insurance for your laptop. It is at a very reasonable rate. Please click here for more information: [CLICK HERE](#)
- Now that we are back for the 2nd half of the year, please speak to your son or daughter in reminding them about our Code of Conduct and making good behavioral choices at Westside. [You can find a link to our Code of Conduct HERE!](#)
- We have several athletic events this week including football, basketball, wrestling, and swim. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for the month of December events or the athletic schedules under the student or parent link on our webpage. **Come out and support our PATRIOTS!**

ATHLETIC BOOSTER INFORMATION

- The next booster meeting is on January 10th at 6:00 pm in the media center.
- The Westside Spirit Store is open on Fridays from 2:30 pm-3:30 pm. It is located inside the front door of the school. They have merchandise, including sweatshirts, hoodies, and dry-fit shirts. Cash, check and debit/credit cards are accepted.
- The Athletic Boosters need parent volunteers to work concessions and help build the program. You can access this link to sign up to volunteer at <https://tinyurl.com/24eapfrj>
- You can also contact the boosters at westsideathleticbooster@gmail.com.

COVID-19 UPDATE Parents- if your child has tested positive for Covid-19 or as been identified as a close contact outside of school, it is imperative to contact the school nurse as soon as possible. We want to make sure we are aware to help with the process of quarantine or in if needed, contact tracing. You can contact Nurse Liz at 706-868-4030 at Ext: 1111 or email her at GilmeEl@BOE.Richmond.k12.ga.us . Thank you for your help! **Any student that is out quarantining because of Covid-19 can find their schoolwork on Canvas.**

Westside High Bell and Advisement Schedules

The Bell Schedule Can Be Found Here: [CLICK HERE](#)

Club Day, Teachers as Advisors Advisement, and Academic Check Days Schedule: [CLICK HERE](#)

Afterschool Activities and Events for This Week

Date	Event	Time	Sponsor/Coach
1/3	Teacher Workday/Student Holiday		
	After School Tutoring- See Schedule	2:45-3:45	Various Teachers
1/4	Beginning of 3rd Quarter		
	Students Return		
	After School Tutoring- See Schedule	2:45-3:45	Various Teachers
	Basketball Westside @ Laney (JV Boys/ Varsity)	6:00 pm	Hunter/ Thomas
1/5	After School Tutoring- See Schedule	2:45-3:45	Various Teachers
	JV Basketball Josey @ Westside	6:00 pm	Hunter/ Thomas
1/6	After School Tutoring- See Schedule	2:45-3:45	Various Teachers
	Wrestling Home vs ARC and MVHS	5:00 pm	Newton
	Langford Middle vs. Belair K8 Basketball	6:00 pm	Langford Middle
1/7	Wrestling @ Oglethorpe	TBD	Newton
	After School Tutoring- See Schedule	2:45-3:45	Various Teachers
	Basketball Westside @ Josey	6:00 pm	Hunter/ Coach
1/8	Wrestling @ Oglethorpe	TBD	Newton
1/9	Campus Closed to Students		

Remind Codes

Each grade level remind codes are listed below.

Visit www.remind.com to create an account.

Use the code below to connect with your grade level class.
This is one of the main ways that Westside will communicate this year. Parents and students are welcome to join.

Senior Code: @2whspats22

Junior Code: @whspats23

Sophomore Code: @2whspats24

Freshmen Code: @whspats25

Note: If you have already signed up for a class Remind, you do not need to sign up again.

LINKS OF INTEREST FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

The Winter 2022 Athletic Schedules can be found [CLICK HERE](#)

Social Media Pages for Westside High School

Facebook: @thewestsidehighschool (facebook.com/thewestsidehighschool)

Twitter: @westsideHS (twitter.com/westsidehs)

Instagram: @thewestsidehighschool (instagram.com/thewestsidehighschool/)

Instagram: @whs_student_section_ (instagram.com.com/whs_student_section/)

TikTok: @westside_high_school (Search in App)

Snapchat: @westside_hs (Search in App)



Note: This update may not capture everything so we highly encourage you to visit our website (rcboe.org/westside), continuously be in contact with teachers, and join our social media pages and Remind.

Pictures Speak Louder than Words | Beside of Westside – Top Pic(k)s of the year 2021



COACH FLOWERS - YOU ROCK AWARD

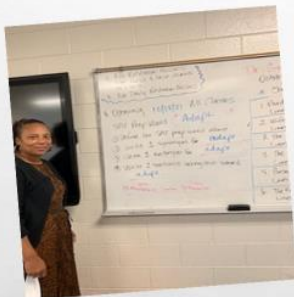
MS. NORWOOD HELPING A PRE-CALCULUS STUDENT AMIDST HER BUSY ADMINISTRATIVE WORK

THE ELA DEPARTMENT'S ENTHUSIASTIC PARTICIPATION IN THE LEARNING TARGET AND FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT PL, PRACTICING THE '30 SECOND EXPERT' STRATEGY

DR. CLARK'S STUDENTS ARE ENGAGED IN CREATING A DIRECT MESSAGE CHAIN USING MODERN LANGUAGE TO COMMUNICATE ANTINOUS' ATTEMPT, AFTER READING THE ODYSSEY.

MS. GIBSON'S STUDENTS WENT ON A CUPCAKE WAR. FOOD SCIENCE STUDENTS ARE ENGAGED IN MAKING HALLOWEEN-THEMED CUPCAKES

IN MS. WILMER'S PRE-CALCULUS CLASS, STUDENTS ARE ENGAGED IN IDENTIFYING THEIR LEARNING GAPS AND HELPING EACH OTHER.



DR. GERMANY INCORPORATES THE SAT WORD OF THE DAY (ENCOURAGES HER STUDENTS TO FIND THE DEFINITION, SYNONYM, ANTONYM AND TO MAKE SENTENCES) WITH HER LESSONS



"WESTSIDE'S MS. FRIZZLE" - MS. POTTER WITH HER GOODIES AND PLAQUE THAT SHE RECEIVED FOR BEING ONE OF THE "RCSS TEACHER OF THE YEAR" FINALISTS



MS. WALKER'S STUDENTS WERE HIGHLY ENGAGED IN A GROUP ACTIVITY IN THEIR MARKETING PRINCIPLE'S CLASS, PRESENTING THE 4 P'S OF MARKETING (SUN'S CREAM DEMO)



MS. HORTON'S STUDENTS ENJOYED WORKING ON THEIR CANDLE HOLDER IN THEIR 7TH PERIOD POTTERY CLASS

MR. NEWTON'S STUDENTS WERE HIGHLY ENGAGED AND CONFIDENTLY ANSWERING AP CLASSROOM QUESTIONS DURING THE OPENING OF THE LESSON



FROM THE DESK OF WILLIAM P. SMITH

PRINCIPAL OF WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

November 29, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,


As you know, we now have two types of tutoring at Westside. This includes face to face tutoring with a schedule that is consistent from week to week (attached) as well as virtual tutoring, called FEV Tutoring (attached).

What's the difference?

- Face to face tutoring happens with a teacher in the classroom that's afterschool and available throughout the week. Many students need a face to face teacher that they can seek help from. Even though not all teachers are part of our program, all subjects are covered. Therefore, tutoring is available for students and highly recommended.
- FEV Tutoring can be scheduled at the convenience of the student for the subjects of ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies. Please see the attached flyer. You can register at the top of our website at rcboe.org/westside or contact the telephone numbers on the FEV flyer.

We are offering these two avenues so that students have the help they need, when they need it. We ask parents and guardians to encourage their children to participate weekly in one of these two programs.

Respectively,



William P. Smith, Principal
Westside High School

Westside High School After School Tutoring Schedule

2021-2022 School Year

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
ELA	<p>Ms. Rensch 9th Grade Literature and American Literature</p> <p>Ms. DeLoach 9th Grade Literature and American Literature</p> <p>Ms. Akins All English Language Arts</p> <p>Ms. Watford Research</p>	<p>Ms. Linehan All English Language Arts</p> <p>Ms. Perry All English Language Arts Edgenuity</p> <p>Dr. Germany 10th Grade Literature</p>	<p>Ms. Akins All English Language Arts</p> <p>Mr. Mattice All English Language Arts</p>	<p>Ms. Linehan All English Language Arts</p> <p>Ms. DeLoach 9th Grade Literature and American Literature</p> <p>Dr. Clark 9th Grade Literature</p>	<p>Ms. Perry All English Language Arts Edgenuity</p> <p>Ms. Rensch 9th Grade Literature and American Literature</p>
Math	<p>Mr. Clay Alg. I and Geometry</p> <p>Coach Flowers Geometry</p>	<p>Mr. McCollum All Mathematics</p> <p>Coach Flowers Algebra I</p>	<p>Mr. Clay Alg. I and Geometry</p> <p>Ms. Williams Alg. I and Geometry</p>	---	---
Social Studies	---	<p>Ms. Johnson Any Social Studies</p> <p>Mr. Christman AP US History</p> <p>Mr. Martin AP Government</p>	<p>Ms. Wheeler US History and Government</p> <p>Mr. Christman Economics</p> <p>Mr. Martin AP Human Geography</p>	<p>Ms. Johnson Any Social Studies</p> <p>Mr. Christman CP US History</p> <p>Mr. Martin APCP Government</p>	---
Science	<p>Dr. Bradley Environmental Science</p> <p>Mr. Zumbro All Sciences</p> <p>Ms. Kausar Environmental Science</p>	<p>Dr. Bradley Environmental Science</p> <p>Mr. Zumbro All Sciences</p> <p>Ms. Kausar Biology</p>	<p>Dr. Bradley Forensic Science</p> <p>Mr. Zumbro All Sciences</p> <p>Ms. Potter All Sciences</p>	<p>Dr. Bradley Forensic Science</p> <p>Mr. Zumbro All Sciences</p>	<p>Mr. Zumbro All Sciences</p>
World Language/CTAE	<p>Ms. Wright All Spanish</p> <p>Ms. Gibson All CTAE Courses</p> <p>Ms. K Stone Early Childhood Education/ All CATE Courses</p>	<p>Ms. Diehl All Spanish</p> <p>Ms. Walker Marketing Principles or Hospitality, Recreation, & Tourism</p> <p>Ms. Cofer All CTAE Courses</p>	<p>Ms. Wright All Spanish</p> <p>Ms. Walker Marketing Principles or Hospitality, Recreation, & Tourism</p> <p>Dr. Seabrooks Engineering/ All CTAE Courses</p>	---	<p>Ms. Diehl All Spanish</p> <p>Ms. Gibson All CTAE Courses</p>

Note: Students are to report directly afterschool to the teacher they are receiving for. After School Tutoring Time: 2:45-3:45 pm

Introducing Virtual Tutoring!



Westside High School is pleased to partner with FEV Tutor to provide your students with high-quality, district-sponsored, live, 1 to 1 virtual tutoring and homework help!

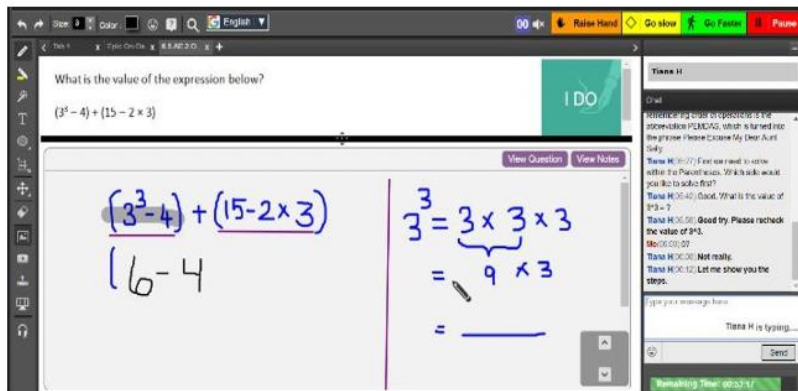
WHY FEV TUTOR?

FEV Tutor takes a creative approach to deliver students the 1-on-1 support they need to grow academically. Students work with their own professional tutor on an engaging web-based platform accessible from any computer with an internet connection.

Richmond County School System leaders have worked directly with FEV Tutor to personalize homework help for each student. During each tutoring session, students can receive personalized support to bridge skill-gaps and drive academic growth.



Tutoring is available in all core subjects, including Math, English, Science, and Social Studies!



WHAT WILL TUTORING LOOK LIKE FOR STUDENTS?

Students will work with tutors based on their own unique needs to master grade-level learning standards. Students will work with their tutor using a synchronous two-way whiteboard with various learning style options.

GETTING STARTED

- Contact FEV Tutor at help@fevtutor.com to schedule your sessions
- Schedule your sessions by emailing our 24/7 support team at help@fevtutor.com
- You can also call (855) 763-2607 to schedule your session.